Identification of illegal immigrants

2825. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the Census 2001 operations any effort was made to identify the nationalities of respondents living in border States like Assam, Bengal and Bihar which have large number of illegal immigrants;

(b) is it a fact that many of such immigrants have managed to procure Ration Cards and Electoral Photo Identify Cards;

(c) whether Government have worked out the extent of such illegal immigration based on 2001 census; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The question on Nationality was not canvassed at the Census 2001 and therefore, it is not possible to identify illegal immigrants.

Infiltration from across the border

2826. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agrees that infiltration from across the border and along the LoC continues unabated;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware about its implications on Kashmir;

(c) whether his Ministry officials monitoring the situation have found nothing substantially wrong with the new Government's policy reconciliation and amnesty as reported in the Statesman dated the 3rd February, 2003; and

(d) if so, details thereof and steps taken to stop infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Available reports indicate that infiltration of terrorist from across the border and along the LoC is continuing. Owing to this, terrorist activities may escalate in the coming summer.